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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING AGITATES BULGARIAN/YUGOSLAV
RELATIONS

REF: SOFIA 0180 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS HEARD BUT NOT FULLY CONFIRMED
A REPORT THAT MAY GO SOME WAY FURTHER
TOWARD EXPLAINING PRESENT JAGGED STATE OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN BULGARIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

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2. REPORT HAS IT THAT A MONTH OR TWO AGO, YUGOSLAV
AGENTS CAPTURED (FNU) PEROVICH, SECRETARY GENERAL OF
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF COMINFORMIST, PRO-SOVIET "COMMITTEE
OF BAR" IN BULGARIA, SMUGGLED HIM INTO YUGOSLAVIA AND
ARRESTED HIM ON YUGOSLAV TERRITORY. PEROVICH IS
REPORTEDLY NOW IN PRISON IN YUGOSLAVIA, AWAITING TRIAL.

3. ACCORDING TO BULGARIAN SOURCES, PEROVICH WAS NOT
RESIDENT IN BULGARIA BUT HAD A PIED-A-TERRRE IN SOFIA.
HE WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH PRO-BULGARIAN, MACEDONIAN
EXILE POET, BENKO MARKOVSKI, AND REPORTEDLY RECEIVED
FUNDS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES FROM THE SOVIETS
IN SOFIA.

4. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY SOURCE HERE WOULD NOT CONFIRM KID-
NAPPING BUT DID CONFIRM THAT PEROVICH WAS IN PRISON IN
YUGOSLAVIA AWAITING TRIAL (WHICH MAY ALREADY BE WELL
KNOW TO EMBASSY BELGRADE) AND THAT YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN
SOFIA WAS "COLLECTING INFORMATION" ON PEROVICH'S ACTIVITIES
IN BULGARIA, AND VOLUNTEERED PARALLEL BETWEEN PEOVICH
CASE AND THAT OF HIS FELLOW MONTENEGRIN, (FNU) DAPCHEVITCH,
WHO WE UNDERSTAND WAS KIDNAPPED BY YUGOSLAVS FROM
ROMANIA SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

5. IF KIDNAPPING REPORT IS TRUE, THIS OCCURRENCE
COULD BE FURTHER SOURCE OF PRESNET LEVEL OF ACERBITY IN
BULGARIAN/YUGOSLAV RELATIONS (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS).
NEITHER BULGARIANS NOR SOVIET COMINFORM ADVISERS WOULD
TAKE LIGHTLY MATTER SUCH AS PEROVICH KIDNAPPING IN
BULGARIA. EMBASSY WILL WELCOME ANY LIGHT OTHER ADDRESSEES
CAN CAST ON THIS MATTER SINCE WE HAVE ONLY SOFIA VERSION
OF WHAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED, PERHAPS A DISTORTED VIEW.
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